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SUBJECT: HIJACKING

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1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL JANUARY 18, AMBASSADOR RAISED GENERAL SUBJECT OF HIJACKING AND ASKED ABOUT NEPAL'S NON-ADHERENCE TO TOKYO, HAGUE, AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. ARYAL REPLIED THAT GON WAS CLEARLY AGAINST HIJACKING AND WOULD WANT TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST HIJACKINGS. WHEN AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ADHERENCE TO THREE CONVENTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO CURB PRACTICE OF HIJACKING, ARYAL INDICATED AGREEMENT AND SAID HE COULD NOT THINK OF REASON WHY NEPAL SHOULD NOT ACCEDE TO CONVENTIONS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT PERHAPS THE QUESTION OF ADHERENCE TO THE CONVENTIONS HAD JUST GOTTEN LOST OR BEEN FORGOTTEN ABOUT. HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND LET US KNOW AND CALLED IN ASSISTANT TO MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

2. ARYAL VOLUNTEERED THAT GON WOULD BE INTERESTED
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IN RECEIVING PRACTICAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE ITS CAPABILITY FOR AIRPORT AND AIRCRAFT SECURITY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE POSSIBLE PROVISION OF SUCH TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE USG.

3. COMMENT: ARYAL'S COMMENTS WERE POSITIVE AND

RECEPTIVE TO ADHERENCE TO CONVENTIONS. HIS QUERY ABOUT
USG ASSISTANCE TO ENHANCE NEPALESE AIRPORT AND AIRCRAFT
SECURITY PROGRAMS FORMALIZES REQUYST WE HAVE ALSO RE-
CEIVED OF A SIMILAR NATURE FROM INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
POLICE. WE UNDERSTAND LATTER IS CURRENTLY UNDER CON-
SIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. ONCE WE HAVE REFINED BOTH
NEPALESE REQUESTS TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT IS WANTED
WE WILL SUBMIT FURTHER RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER TRAINING
PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FAA
TRAINING PROGRAMS BOTH IN U.S. AND IN-COUNTRY. MEANWHILE,
WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH MOFA TO ENCOURAGE ADHERENCE
TO CONVENTIONS ON HIJACKING.
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